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Jones Board Approves Minor Expenses in December Meeting

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners approved payment of minor expense items that had not been budgeted:

\$60 for tuition of two students in a nuclear physics class being given by the extension department of East Carolina College.

\$200 to New Bern Attorney Charles Abernathy for defending Johnny Payton, Jones County negro pauper, who drew a 15-year prison term last week after pleading guilty to attempting to rape his daughter.

\$25 to Caswell Training School to help with the annual Christmas Party.

\$115.29 reimbursement to the sheriff department for expenses involved in returning Ellison Rhodes Jr. from New York City to Trenton to face trial for the armed robbery of the Jones County ABC store at Wyse Fork.

And an authorization to the county accountant to pay the room rent, registration and mileage of Register of Deeds Bill Parker to a school for registers of deeds that is being conducted in Chapel Hill by the Institute of Government.

The board also authorized the refund of \$28.07 to Ted C. Cotterman, who had accidentally paid his taxes twice in one year.

Principal Pippin is Winner of Prized Baseball in Kinston

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pippin and Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Koonce attended the Ladies Night at the School Masters meeting in Kinston Monday night. Guest speaker was Clyde King, a former Brooklyn Dodger Pitcher, now with the Baltimore Orioles Organization. He is manager of the AAA Ball Club in Rochester, N. Y.

After answering a question from King about baseball correctly, Pippin received a baseball autographed by Roger Maris, Harmon Killabrew and Jim Gentile. Needless to say, he was very pleased.

County Holidays

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted all county employees the following Christmas Holidays: December 22, 23, 25, and 26. All court house offices except that of the sheriff will be closed for that period which begins Thursday night before Christmas and ends Wednesday morning after Christmas.

Jones County's Tax Listers are Named

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners named tax listers for each of the county's townships for 1962. They are:

Lucy Parker Jenkins in Pollocksville Township.

Harold Mattocks for White Oak Township.

Annie Mallard for Trenton Township.

Walter Ives for Chinquapin Township.

Alva B. Howard for Tuckahoe Township.

Braxton Howard for Cypress Creek Township.

J. P. Davenport for Beaver Creek Township.

Friendship Supper

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Trenton will have a supper, served at the church from five until seven Saturday. Plates of either turkey or ham will be served with all the trimmings. Proceeds will go into the church building fund. For those, such as some newspaper men, who like a little turkey and a little ham on their plates this can also be arranged with a proper silver offering.

Mrs. Armstrong is Named to 4-H Board

Mrs. A. C. Armstrong, of Route 1, Trenton has been named to the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, Incorporated, Board of Directors. The election of Mrs. Armstrong was announced by Robert N. Hood, Assistant in Development, following a recent board meeting in Raleigh. Mrs. Armstrong will serve with the board of 48 members for a four year term.

Mrs. Armstrong, the former Dorothy Banks, is presently an active 4-H Adult Leader in Jones County. She served as Co-Chairman of the recent 4-H Development Fund campaign in Jones County, in which the county quota was reached, and is a leader for the Thunderbird Community 4-H Club.

Mrs. Armstrong is a 4-H alumni, with an outstanding record as a 4-H'er in Jones County. She now has three children, two of whom are following in her footsteps in their 4-H work. She is also a member of the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club, and a past president of that group.

ONE JONES ARREST

The only arrest in Jones County during the past week was that of Annie Murphy Hill of Pollocksville route one who was charged with drunken driving.

FORGERY CHARGE

James H. Roberts drew a three year term in Jones County Superior Court last week after his guilty plea to numerous forgeries in the county.

NEW ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners dismissed Jesse D. Rice, effective immediately as county electrical inspector and employed Paul Huffman for this post.

PURSE SNATCHED

Mrs. Bonnie D. Wooten of 602 Rhem Street suffered a bruised and sprained wrist last Thursday night when two young negroes snatched her purse and fled on the 100 block of North Independent Street.

Next Tuesday Important Voting Day for Farmers

Audit Ordered for All County Office Not Audited in 5 Years

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners ordered an immediate audit of all county offices that had not been audited within the past five years.

This action was taken, not as the result of any expression that there is anything wrong in the accounts of any county offices, but simply as an orderly business procedure which board members felt had been going on all the time.

Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the recording of the following real estate transfers in his office during the past week:

Sarah D. Hill Murphy to Annie Davis Hill 5 acres in Pollocksville Township.

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Robert Murphy Jr. to Sarah D. Hill Murphy 5 acres in Pollocksville Township.

Ida Coombs Philyaw and Eva Philyaw Thomas to Carlton Philyaw 163.9 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

Susan Philyaw to Hazel P. Stroud 188.7 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

Susan Philyaw to Eva Philyaw Thomas 177.7 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

Louis Davis and others to Louis Davis and others one lot in Pollocksville.

Dan Oxley to A. E. Haddock 1.1 acres in Trenton Township.

Wesley Jones to Jones County ABC system 1 acre in Tuckahoe Township.

I. P. Hatch and Mathilda Smith to Charles H. Strayhorn one lot in Pollocksville Township.

Zeke Phillips to Lloyd Penuel 71.15 acres in White Oak Township.

V. B. Jenkins to Everlee Jones one lot in White Oak Township.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the issue of two marriage license by his office in the past week:

To Herbert Bannam, 31, and Thelma Moore, 33, both of Trenton.

To Arendell Allen Moye, 18, of Kinston route 3 and Joyce Marie Moore, 18, of Dover route 2.

Murder Charge Non-Suited by Judge Burgwyn in Teacher Death

At the conclusion of testimony from both the prosecution and defense Tuesday afternoon Judge Sumner Burgwyn granted a defense motion for a directed verdict of not guilty in murder charges against 57 year-old Winston Phillips, Durham negro businessman. He was accused of killing Mrs. Ruth Tillery, 47, teacher of the 9th grade at Adkin High School last December 27th.

But before granting the motion Judge Burgwyn sternly lectured Phillips and told him he could be thankful that the state had not been able to produce anything but circumstantial evidence.

The judge said he was convinced that the teacher died during an abortion, but that under North Carolina law it is impossible to support a conviction on nothing but circumstantial evidence unless all of the evidence points unerringly to a single conclusion.

State testimony from Pathologist Everett Lippard indicated that Mrs.

Farmers who grow flue-cured tobacco got a last-minute reminder today about the marketing quota vote to be held Tuesday, December 12, 1961.

Any person who had a share in the 1961 crop of flue-cured tobacco or its proceeds — as owner, operator, share tenant, or sharecropper — is eligible to vote in the referendum.

Also, each person who was either the owner or operator of a farm for which a 1961 tobacco acreage allotment was established is eligible to vote, even though no tobacco was actually produced on the farm, if any of the allotment was preserved for history purposes.

In this referendum, growers will have the choice of approving quotas for the next three crops, or of disapproving the quota program. At least two-thirds of the growers voting must approve quotas by voting YES if they are to remain in effect.

A favorable vote will mean a continuation of the present tobacco program, with penalties on marketings of "excess" tobacco, and price supports on the 1962, 1963, and 1964 crops of flue-cured tobacco.

An unfavorable vote will mean no quotas, no penalties and no price support on the 1962 crop of flue-cured tobacco. In this event, another referendum would be held next year on quotas for the following three crops.

All eligible growers are urged to go to their local polling place on Tuesday, December 12, and vote. Also on this day, tobacco farmers will vote whether they favor continuing to assess themselves up to but not to exceed \$1.00 per acre annually for the next three years (1962-1963-1964).

The money, if two-thirds of the those voting approve, will be used to insure continued and expanded sales of their leaf on the export and domestic markets.

Man Burned to Death

Sam Marshburn, an habitual drunkard and one of the number of "smoke drinkers" who inhabit the river bottom area along Heritage Street, suffered burns Wednesday morning from which he died several hours later in a Kinston hospital. Marshburn's body was found in a fire of paper and cardboard in an empty building belonging to Miss Delia Hyatt on the 100 block of South Heritage Street. He was 50 years old. No damage was done to the building which has been empty for a decade or more.

Cost of Producing Average Acre Of Flue-Cured Tobacco \$800

Instead of saying "he'll get rich" when a tobacco farmer makes a good crop, apparently it would be more appropriate to say "he earned it."

While the average flue-cured tobacco farmer grossed over \$1,000 per acre in 1961, this money was a long ways from being all profit.

Farm management studies at North Carolina State College show that it cost the average tobacco grower nearly \$800 to produce 1,800 pounds per acre.

About \$265 of the \$800 went for variable costs. These include such things as plant bed expenses, fertilizer, insecticides, fumigants, twine, fuel oil, insurance, marketing, hauling and warehouse charges, and expenses of operating a tractor and truck.

Fixed costs accounted for another \$135 per acre. Included here were such things as depreciation and interests on buildings and equipment, repairs, insurance and taxes.

Of all expenses, however, labor was the greatest, accounting for nearly \$400 of the \$800 per acre. Farm Management Specialist Jim Allgood says it still takes about 450 hours of labor to produce \$1,800 pounds of tobacco with partial mechanization.

By partial mechanization, he means using such things as tractors and mechanical transplanters.

In arriving at their labor costs, management specialists estimated that 10 per cent of the labor would be of the managerial type, worth \$2 per hour. Other labor was valued at only 75 cent per hour, which is below the prevailing wages in most segments of the economy.

In recent years, the number of man hours needed to produce an acre of tobacco has been cut by the use of such things as soil fumigants for plant bed sites, chemical sucker control, oil curers and mechanical harvesters.

Total labor costs have continued to increase, however, because of

rising per hour wage values. Variable costs have continued to climb, studies show that the cost of some machinery has been rising at the rate of 4 per cent annually.

Economists usually agree that mechanization offers the best prospects for reducing tobacco production costs. This is why State College is putting considerable effort into the development of such things as bulk curers and mechanical harvesters.

New Bernian's Cow Has Fine Record

The Holstein-Friesian Association of America has announced the completion of an outstanding official production record by a registered Holstein cow in this area — Shangri La Sovereign Anchusa 3315910 owned by O. D. Dunn of New Bern produced 20,070 pounds of milk and 728 pounds of butterfat in 305 days on twice daily milking as a 9-year-old.

State College supervised the weighing and testing of production as a part of the official herd testing programs of the national Holstein organization.

In contrast, the annual production of the average U. S. dairy cow is generally estimated at approximately 7,000 pounds of milk containing 265 pounds of butterfat.

Andrew E. King On USS Kitty Hawk

Andrew E. King, steward first class, USN, son of Johnnie King of Pollocksville, is serving aboard the guided missile aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, the world's first ship of its kind, home ported at San Diego, California.

The new ship has just completed its trip around the Horn at the southern tip of South America, to join the Pacific Fleet.